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The Honorable Dr. Mark T Esper
Acting Secretary
U.S. Department of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1000

Dear Acting Secretary Esper:

As you may know, we recently reviewed documents and information related to the Department of Defense's (DoD) procurement of the Joint Enterprise Defense Infrastructure (JEDI) which raises concerns there are systemic conflicts of interest and ethics violations stemming from Amazon Web Service's involvement in the contract.¹ Considering this is a \$10 billion contract for a single awardee to provide an enterprise cloud infrastructure, allegations of impropriety related to contracting fairness deserve thorough investigation.

To better understand whether the DoD has implemented proper conflicts of interest standards, please provide us with the following information by July 15, 2019:

- Documents or information indicating DoD's awareness of the preexisting commercial relationships between these Amazon-affiliated employees;
- Documents or information indicating these employees disclosed these preexisting commercial relationships to DoD's Standards of Conduct Office;
- Documents or information related to the drafting process for the RFP for the JEDI cloud procurement;
- Documents or information related to DoD's choice to issue a single award/single cloud structure in lieu of a multi-cloud strategy.

Sincerely,



Mark Meadows
Member of Congress

¹ See e.g., *JEDI: Potential Outcomes of DOD IG Investigation*, The Capitol Forum (May 8, 2019). See also, *JEDI: Protests will likely delay contract performance for at least a year*, The Capitol Forum (April 26, 2019).